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PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 1995-1999

Note by the Executive Secretary

1. The draft programme of work of the Commission for 1995-1999 is submitted (in Annex I) for the Commission's consideration and approval pursuant to operative paragraph 5(a) of its resolution 5 (XXIV).

2. The amendments to the programme of work approved by the Commission at its fiftieth session will be incorporated by the secretariat in the text which will appear as Annex IV to the Commission's Annual Report to the Economic and Social Council.

3. In the case of the programme of work of the Commission itself (programme category 00), a draft has been prepared containing detailed descriptions of the programme elements, since this programme category is subject to review by the Commission at its annual session (Annex II). In certain cases these descriptions will have to be completed by the Executive Secretary after the fiftieth session of the Commission in order to reflect the relevant resolutions and other decisions which will be adopted at that session. Such programme elements are annotated: "To be completed as may be necessary".

4. In the framework of the procedures for prior consultation with the organizations of the United Nations system pursuant to Council resolution 1549 (XLIX), and in order to avoid any unnecessary duplication of work, the Executive Secretary has offered his comments, as in the past, to the executive heads of those organizations which have transmitted to him their programmes of work. An account of the cooperation which has taken place during the past year between the ECE and the specialized agencies and other international organizations and institutions is given in the Executive Secretary's note E/ECE/1319.

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5. With regard to the ECE pattern of meetings, the General Assembly in its resolution 49/221 approved the Calendar of Conferences and Meetings for 1995, which contains provision for the holding of the fiftieth session of the Commission in April 1995. The following tentative schedule for the regular meetings of its Principal Subsidiary Bodies and the Working Parties reporting directly to the Commission has been established, in accordance with the decisions taken by those bodies, for the period between the fiftieth and fifty-first sessions of the Commission.

Working Party on Standardization Policies	22-24 May	1995
Committee on Environmental Policy	29-30 May	
Conference of European Statisticians	12-15 June	
Senior Economic Advisers to ECE Governments	19-23 June	
Committee on Human Settlements	18-20 September	
Working Party on the Chemical Industry	27-29 September	
Working Party on Steel	25-27 October	
Committee on Energy	7-9 November	
Timber Committee	13-16 November	
Committee on Agriculture	20-24 November	
Committee on the Development of Trade	5-7 December	
[Working Party on Engineering Industries and Automation	13-15 December]	
Inland Transport Committee	15-19 January	1996

Meetings and study tours

6. In 1994 the ECE held a total of 649 half-days of meetings serviced by the United Nations. Of these half-days of meetings, 34 were held outside Geneva, 34 were for meetings of ECOSOC bodies on the transport of dangerous goods and 35 were for meetings of the Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution. In addition 92 half-days of meetings were held outside Geneva with services provided by the host authorities. For purposes of comparison the equivalent figures for the period 1985-1994 are given below:

	Geneva UN interpretation	Outside Geneva UN interpretation	Outside Geneva Host authorities interpretation
1985	805	68	124
1986	696	80	132
1987	711	60	123
1988	682	55	131
1989	659	95	101
1990	755	73	91
1991	651	20	113
1992	556	24	104
1993	598	8	94
1994	615	34	92

7. The meetings held outside Geneva in 1994 under the auspices of the Commission took place at the invitation of the Governments of the following countries: Austria (3); Cyprus (1); Czech Republic (1); Finland (3); France (1); Greece (2); Hungary (2); Ireland (1); Italy (1); Luxembourg (3); Netherlands (1); Norway (2); Russian Federation (1); Slovakia (1); Sweden (1); Turkey (1); Ukraine (1); and at the invitation of OECD (1).

8. The Commission may wish to bear in mind that such meetings are organized only if the subsidiary body concerned has accepted an invitation extended by the host Government and that this decision is clearly reflected in the report of the body concerned. Moreover, the host Government is obliged, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 47/202, to bear the additional costs of meetings attributable to the venue being away from the Commission's headquarters.

9. Study tours were organized during 1994 in Ireland, Northern Ireland and Japan.

10. During 1994, and in accordance with decisions D (45), O (45), B (48) and B (49), 43 workshops were held to assist countries in transition to a market economy. These workshops are usually informal meetings with facilities and support provided by host Governments and/or sponsoring organizations (see E/ECE/1310). Workshops were held in or with the support of the following countries in 1994: Austria (2), Belarus (4), Czech Republic (3), Estonia (1), Finland (with Russian Federation) (1), France (1), Germany (1), Hungary (8), Netherlands (2), Poland (3), Romania (3), Russian Federation (2), Slovakia (2), Slovenia (1), Spain (1), Switzerland (5), Turkey (2), Ukraine (2).

Documentation

11. The following data (in terms of pages reproduced in the three working languages of the Commission) have been compiled and supplied by the Statistical Unit of the Editorial and Documents Control Section of the United Nations Office at Geneva. For purposes of comparison, the equivalent figures for the period 1985-1994 have been provided:

Year	Total physical pages reproduced in English, French and Russian
1985	106,748
1986	98,504
1987	88,383
1988	84,365
1989	85,899
1990	96,642
1991	94,988
1992	88,905
1993	96,615
1994	* 54,661

* Figures available for January-August 1994 only

12. In 1994 sales of ECE publications issued in 1994 generated a gross income of over $390,000, of which more than $260,000 represent sales in New York and more than $130,000 represent sales in Geneva. Gross income in 1994 from the sale in Geneva of ECE publications issued in 1993 or earlier was approximately $150,000.

ANNEX I

DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 1995-1999

Introduction

The programme of work is divided into the following programme categories:

CATEGORY	SUB-PROGRAMME
00	Policy and coordination of the work of the Commission
01	Environment
02	Transport
03	Statistics
04	Trade facilitation
05	Economic analysis
06	Energy
07	Development of international trade
08	Industry and technology
	A. Science and technology
	B. Chemicals *
	C. Engineering industries and automation *
	D. Standardization *
	E. Steel *
09	Agriculture and timber
	A. Agriculture
	B. Timber
10	Human settlements

* Activities in these areas are carried out by Working Parties reporting directly to the Commission.

SUB-PROGRAMME 00 - POLICY AND COORDINATION OF THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION

[See Annex II]

SUB-PROGRAMME 01 - ENVIRONMENT

Authority: Programme of work of the Committee on Environmental Policy, approved by the Committee at its first session (ECE/CEP/1, paras. 50-52 and Annex I) with a priority ranking established according to the Committee's decision taken at its special session (ECE/CEP/8, para. 15) accompanied by the comments of the Committee's Bureau. */

Programme activity 01.1: "Environment for Europe" process

Programme elements

01.1.1 Preparations for the Sofia Ministerial Conference (1)
01.1.2 Environmental Programme for Europe (2)
01.1.3 Environmental rights and obligations (12)

Programme activity 01.2: Strengthening environmental management capabilities

Programme elements

01.2.1 National environmental performance reviews (3)
01.2.2 Improvement of environmental management in countries with economies in transition (10)
01.2.3 Management of hazardous chemicals (13)

Programme activity 01.3: Promotion of sustainable development

Programme elements

01.3.1 Environment and economics: assessment of the situation in economies in transition (17)
01.3.2 Use of economic instruments for environmental policies (3)
01.3.3 Pricing of natural resources (23)
01.3.4 Interaction between privatization processes and the environment (22)

Programme activity 01.4: Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context

Programme elements

01.4.1 Policies and strategies promoting environmental impact assessment (EIA) (3)
01.4.2 Promotion of bilateral and multilateral cooperation (16)
01.4.3 Public participation in EIA (19)
01.4.4 Strengthening the capability of future Parties to comply with the obligations under the Convention (9)
01.4.5 Methodological aspects (27)
01.4.6 Preparation of draft rules of procedure for the Meeting of the Parties (29)

Programme activity 01.5: Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes

Programme elements

01.5.1 Policies and strategies (10)
01.5.2 Prevention, control and reduction of pollution from point sources (8)

01.5.3 Prevention, control and reduction of pollution from diffuse sources (6)
01.5.4 Monitoring and assessment of conditions of transboundary waters (7)
01.5.5 Bilateral and multilateral agreements and other arrangements regarding the protection and use of transboundary waters (22)
01.5.6 Legal and administrative aspects (25)
01.5.7 Guidelines on sustainable water management (17)

Programme activity 01.6: Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents

Programme elements

01.6.1 Information on the implementation of the Convention (21)
01.6.2 Points of contact (25)
01.6.3 Regional Coordinating Centre for Industrial Accident Training and Exercises (13)
01.6.4 Regional Coordinati Centre for the Prevention of Industrial Accidents (15)
01.6.5 Past industrial accidents (28)
01.6.6 Classification of hazardous substances and identification of hazardous activities (20)

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*/ (a) The present priority ranking represents a first attempt to apply to composite scoring approach;

(b) The ranking reflects in an aggregated way the views of 31 member countries, nullifying country or subregional differences;

(c) No qualification may be given to individual programme elements from the present ranking. However, the nine elements with the highest scores may be generally considered of the highest priority;

(d) The present ranking is intended to be thought-provoking rather than a basis for budget considerations.

SUB-PROGRAMME 02 - TRANSPORT

Authority: Programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee, approved by the Committee at its fifty-seventh session (ECE/TRANS/111, para. 139 and Add.1)

Programme activity 02.1: Transport trends and economics

Programme elements

02.1.1 Review of general trends with regard to transport development and transport policy (1)
02.1.2 Analysis of specific transport economic issues (2)
02.1.3 Development of transport in the Mediterranean Region (2)

Programme activity 02.2: Road transport

Programme elements

02.2.1 Road transport infrastructure (1)
02.2.2 Harmonization of requirements concerning international road transport and facilitation of its operations (1)
02.2.3 Road transport safety (1)
02.2.4 Construction of vehicles (1)

Programme activity 02.3: Rail transport

Programme elements

02.3.1 Rail transport infrastructure (1)

02.3.2 Linking of the European transport network to that of other regions' railways (3)

02.3.3 Harmonization of requirements concerning international railway transport and facilitation of its operations (1)

02.3.4 Rail safety (1)

Programme activity 02.4: Inland water transport

Programme elements

02.4.1 Inland waterway infrastructure (1)

02.4.2 Harmonization of requirements concerning international inland waterway transport and facilitation of its operations, including the study of legal provisions (2)

02.4.3 Harmonization and improvement of standards for inland navigation vessels (3)

02.4.4 Inland water transport safety (1)

Programme activity 02.5: Transport of dangerous goods

Programme elements

02.5.1 Regulations on the transport of dangerous goods by road, rail, inland waterways and combined transport (1)

Programme activity 02.6: Environmental protection and energy saving in transport

Programme elements

02.6.1 Impact of transport infrastructure and operations on the environment, including pollution and noise (1)

02.6.2 1996 Regional Conference on Transport and the Environment

Programme activity 02.7: Combined transport

Programme elements

02.7.1 Promotion of combined and multimodal transport (1)

02.7.2 Safety requirements for the construction, maintenance and handling of combined transport equipment (2)

Programme activity 02.8: Customs questions affecting transport

Programme elements

02.8.1 Harmonization of requirements concerning several modes of transport and facilitation of their operation (2)

Programme activity 02.9: Transport of perishable foodstuffs

Programme elements

02.9.1 Harmonization of regulations and standards relating to the international transport of perishable foodstuffs and facilitation of its operation (2)

Programme activity 02.10: Transport statistics and information

Programme elements

02.10.1 Methods of collection and definition of statistics on inland transport and road traffic accidents (2)

02.10.2 Publication of statistical information in the field of transport (3)

Programme activity 02.11: Facilitation of movement and transport of disabled persons

Programme elements

02.11.1 Road, rail and inland waterway transport aspects (3)

Programme activity 02.12: General issues

Programme elements

02.12.1 Periodical circulation of selected transport information (3)

SUB-PROGRAMME 03 - STATISTICS

Authority: Programme of work of the Conference of European Statisticians, approved by the Conference at its forty-second session (ECE/CES/45, paras. 20-71 and CES/830 and Add.1-6).

Programme activity 03.1: Organization and operation of statistical services

Programme elements

03.1.1 Issues of statistical policy (A)
03.1.2 Transition countries (A)
03.1.3 Promotion and coordination of international statistical work (A)
03.1.4 Technical assistance to developing countries (A)

Programme activity 03.2: Technical infrastructure and other cross-cutting issues

Programme elements

03.2.1 Management of statistical information technology (A)
03.2.2 Statistical data collection and processing (A)
03.2.3 Dissemination and interchange of statistical information (A)
03.2.4 Industry, commodity and occupation classifications (C)
03.2.5 Statistical methodology (C)
03.2.6 Geography (A)
03.2.7 Regional statistics (C)
03.2.8 Training (C)

Programme activity 03.3: Economic statistics

Programme elements

03.3.1 Implementation of the system of national accounts (A)
03.3.2 Money and banking, government finance, and balance of payments (C)
03.3.3 International trade in goods (C)
03.3.4 Transport (A)
03.3.5 Distributive trade (C)
03.3.6 International trade in services (C)
03.3.7 Tourism (C)
03.3.8 Services statistics: Marketed and non-marketed services (A)
03.3.9 Price statistics, including purchasing power parities (A)
03.3.10 Agricultural statistics (A)
03.3.11 Industrial statistics (C)
03.3.12 Energy statistics (B)
03.3.13 Science and technology statistics (C)
03.3.14 Business registers (A)
03.3.XX Work done by other organizations in other fields of economic statistics

Programme activity 03.4: Social and demographic statistics

Programme elements

03.4.1 Population and housing censuses (A)
03.4.2 Registers and administrative record for social and demographic statistics (A)
03.4.3 Social indicators (C)
03.4.4 Health statistics (C)
03.4.5 Safety and public security statistics (C)
03.4.6 Education and training statistics (B)
03.4.7 Culture statistics (C)
03.4.8 Labour statistics (C)
03.4.9 Demographic statistics (including projections, migration and fertility) (A)
03.4.10 Human settlements and housing statistics (C)
03.4.11 Statistics of household income, of the welfare of the population and of income inequality (B)
03.4.12 Statistics on populations groups of special interest (A)
03.4.13 Multi-purpose social surveys (C)

Programme activity 03.5: Natural resources and environment statistics

Programme elements

03.5.1 Standards and frameworks for environmental data and indicators (A)
03.5.2 Natural resources and environmental accounting (A)
03.5.3 Environmental database development and dissemination (A)

Programme activity 03.6: Dissemination and support for secretariat activities

Programme elements

03.6.1 Dissemination of statistical data by the secretariats (A)
03.6.2 Statistical support for other activities of the secretariats (A)

SUB-PROGRAMME 04 - TRADE FACILITATION

Authority: Programme of work of the Committee on the Development of Trade, approved by the Committee at its forty-third session (ECE/TRADE/194, para.35 and Annex).

Programme activity 04.1: Data elements and automatic data interchange

Programme activity 04.2: International trade procedures and documentation

SUB-PROGRAMME 05 - ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

Authority: Programme of work of the Senior Economic Advisers to ECE Governments, approved by the Senior Advisers at their thirtieth session (ECE/EC.AD/44, paras. 32-38 and Annex I)

Programme activity 05.1: Exchange of information on economic developments

Programme elements

05.1.1 Exchange of information on the development of national economies and on policies and programmes (1)

Programme activity 05.2: Long-term projections and perspectives

Programme elements

05.2.1 Growth conditions in the period 1995-1999 and their long-term implications (2)

05.2.2 Specialized long-term macroeconomic database and related modelling work (6)

Programme activity 05.3: Selected structural economic issues

Programme elements

05.3.1 International trade and structural changes - interregional and intraregional trends and policies (4)

05.3.2 Structural changes in the ECE region and their impact on employment, labour productivity, working patterns and income distribution (3)

05.3.3 Sustainable economic development (5)

Authority: Terms of reference of the Commission; relevant resolutions and other decisions of the Economic and Social Council and the Commission.

Programme activity 05.4: Economic developments, problems and prospects in the ECE region

Programme elements

05.4.1 Review of economic developments, problems and prospects in the ECE region

Description: At its annual sessions the Commission will review economic developments, problems and prospects in the ECE region.

Work accomplished and to be undertaken: In response to Commission decisions O (45) and B (46), particular emphasis is given to the analysis of the transition economies and related policy issues. This is reflected in the annual Economic Survey of Europe and the Economic Bulletin for Europe, both of which contain an increased coverage of economic and policy developments in the transition economies. Both the Survey and the Bulletin, as well as other special studies and statistical bulletins prepared and published by the secretariat, are made available to the Commission for this annual review. In its decision B (46), the Commission invited the Senior Economic Advisers and the secretariat, in accordance with the relevant provisions of decision O (45) and having in mind the right and responsibility of the secretariat to exercise independent judgement in its analysis, to deepen their consultations in order to achieve the highest quality of the Survey, notably by improving pre-publication exchange of views; and stressed the need for this Survey to be published in time to enable it to be properly studied and reflected upon during the annual session (paragraph 8).

Duration: Continuing

05.4.2 Population

Description: The Executive Secretary carries out work in the field of population, within existing resources, and maintains collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) for the implementation of the relevant recommendations of regional meetings of experts on population convened

periodically, but not more than every two years, in cooperation with UNFPA. These meetings aim to provide consultations amongst Governments and the dissemination and exchange of information on population problems and policies in the ECE region.

Work accomplished: Collaboration with UNFPA is maintained through projects dealing, respectively, with economic and social implications of aging, population and development in southern Europe, integration of population and socio-economic policies, migration, and promotion of fertility and family surveys in the ECE region. Funding for these projects is provided by UNFPA. ECE actively participated in the International Conference on Population and Development in 1994, as mandated by the General Assembly, having organized a European Population Conference in Geneva, in cooperation with the Council of Europe and UNFPA.

Work to be undertaken: Follow-up to the World Conference in 1994, in cooperation and collaboration with the other relevant organizations, as well as the continuation of ongoing activities as described.

Duration: Continuing.

SUB-PROGRAMME 06 - ENERGY

Authority: Programme of work of the Committee on Energy, approved by the Committee at its fourth session (ECE/ENERGY/26, paras. 82-83 and ENERGY/R.104/Rev.1).

Programme activity 06.1: Energy reforms in central and eastern Europe

Programme elements

06.1.1 Market adaptation of the energy economies in central and eastern Europe (1)

06.1.2 Transition of the coal industry from central planning to market economy (2)

06.1.3 The implication of economic reforms in central and eastern Europe on electric power demand, supply and cooperation (3)

06.1.4 Economic reforms and restructuring in eastern and central Europe - their implications and significance for the gas market and the gas industry in the ECE region (4)

Programme activity 06.2 Rational use of energy, efficiency and conservation

Programme elements

06.2.1 Energy Efficiency 2000 (5)

06.2.2 Energy efficiency standards (6)

06.2.3 Energy conservation developments, policies and prospects in the region (7)

06.2.4 Rational use of coal, efficiency and conservation (8)

06.2.5 Energy efficiency in electric power (9)

06.2.6 Rational use of gas, including conservation and efficiency measures (10)

Programme activity 06.3: Interface between energy and the environment

Programme elements

06.3.1 Interface between energy and environment: sustainable development (15)
06.3.2 Economic instruments for sustainable energy development (16)
06.3.3 Sustainable coal development (17)
06.3.4 Environmental protection related to coal mining and coal utilization (18)
06.3.5 Environmental aspects in electric power (19)
06.3.6 Sustainable development in electric power (20)
06.3.7 Gas industry and the environment, including climate change and sustainable development (21)

Programme activity 06.4: Energy policies and prospects and related statistics and projections

Programme elements

06.4.1 National energy programmes, policies and prospects, and related balances, projections and databanks (22)
06.4.2 Annual Bulletin of Energy Statistics for Europe (23)
06.4.3 Overview of energy activities in ECE (24)

Programme activity 06.5: Energy demand and supply issues for sustainable development

Programme elements

06.5.1 Significant new developments affecting energy demand and supply in the short and medium run (25)
06.5.2 Promoting international cooperation for renewable sources of energy (NRSE) (26)
06.5.3 Developments in the coal industry (27)
06.5.4 Electric power developments, policies and statistics (28)
06.5.5 Developments in the gas industry, including trade and interconnections/extensions of gas networks (29)

Programme activity 06.6: Energy trade, trade facilitation and infrastructure

Programme elements

06.6.1 Energy trade in the ECE region in the worldwide context (11)
06.6.2 Market trends and trade facilitation in the coal industry (12)
06.6.3 Gas trade and interconnections/extensions of gas networks in Europe (13)
06.6.4 Interconnection of electric power in Europe (14)

SUB-PROGRAMME 07 - DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Authority: Programme of work of the Committee on the Development of Trade, approved by the Committee at its forty-third session (ECE/TRADE/194, para.35 and Annex).

Programme activity 07.1: Trade promotion

Programme elements

07.1.1 Preparation and revision of Guides relating to international commercial transactions (2)
07.1.2 Organization of seminars and workshops (3)
07.1.3 Information relevant to business operators (6)

Programme activity 07.2: Trade analysis

Programme elements

07.2.1 Discussion themes for Committee's annual sessions (4)

07.2.2 Analysis of recent and prospective trade trends, policies and problems (5)

SUB-PROGRAMME 08 - INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY

08(A) - SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Authority: Programme of work of the Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Science and Technology, approved by the Senior Advisers at their twenty-first session (ECE/SC.TECH/46, paras. 26-27 and Annex).

Programme activity 08(A).1: Current developments in science and technology policies

Programme elements

08(A).1.1 Review of changes in national policies, priorities and institutions, and international cooperation (1)

Programme activity 08(A).2: Role of science and technology in securing sustainable development of the economies in transition

Programme elements

08(A).2.1 State policy in economies in transition aimed at promoting innovation (3)

08(A).2.2 Reorganization of the system of management of science and technology under new economic and political conditions (4)

Programme activity 08(A).3: Selected issues in science and technology

Programme elements

08(A).3.1 Inventory of existing safety guidelines in biotechnology (2)

8(B) - CHEMICALS

Authority: Programme of work of the Working Party on the Chemical Industry, approved by the Working Party at its fourth session (ECE/CHEM/98, paras. 60-62 and Annex I).

Programme activity 08(B).1: Long- and medium-term trends and prospects including current developments and statistics in the chemical industry

08(B).1.1 The Chemical Industry - Annual Review (1)

08(B).1.2 Market trends and outlook for selected chemical products (13)

08(B).1.3 Development of internationally comparable statistics including those for specialized products (9)

08(B).1.4 Publication of the Bulletin of Trade in Chemical Products (14)

Programme activity 08(B).2: Chemical industry - sustainable economic and ecological development (CHEMISEED) and other environmental and resource issues in the chemical industry

Programme elements

08(B).2.1 Environmental clean-up of selected sites polluted by chemicals in central and eastern Europe (4)
08(B).2.2 Chemical legislation in the countries of the ECE region (3)
08(B).2.3 Complex utilization of raw materials using advanced low- and non-waste process technologies (5)
08(B).2.4 Regional Environmental Management Centre for the Chemical Industry (7)
08(B).2.5 Soil decontamination and remediation technologies (6)

Programme activity 08(B).3: Economic issues and information on the chemical industry including assistance to countries in transition

Programme element

08(B).3.1 Directory of the Chemical Industry (2)
08(B).3.2 Trends in structural and ownership changes in the chemical industries of the economies in transition (8)
08(B).3.3 Studies of national developments in the chemical industry (10)
08(B).3.4 Industrial parks in the ECE region (12)

Programme activity 08(B).4: Advanced chemical processes and products

Programme element

08(B).4.1 Innovative technologies (11)

08(C) - ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES AND AUTOMATION

Authority: Programme of work of the Working Party on Engineering Industries and Automation, approved by the Working Party at its thirteenth session (ECE/ENG.AUT/54, para. 42 and Annex I)

Programme activity 08(C).1: Current medium- and long-term trends and prospects in engineering industries and automation

Programme elements

08(C).1.1 Medium- and long-term assessment of engineering industries in national, regional and global economies (3)
08(C).1.2 Current developments and prospects in engineering industries and automation, including appropriate aspects of international cooperation in this sector (2)

Programme activity 08(C).2: The role of engineering industries in environmental protection and resource saving

Programme elements

08(C).2.1 Low-waste technologies in engineering industries (7)
08(C).2.2 Electric vehicle rallies and associated activities (8)

Programme activity 08(C).3: Assistance to engineering industries in economies in transition

Programme elements

08(C).3.1 Workshop on Economic Aspects of the Implementation of New Technologies in Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) (4)

08(C).3.2 Engineering materials and technologies (9)

Programme activity 08(C).4: Selected issues in engineering industries and in automation

Programme elements

08(C).4.1 Rehabilitation engineering (6)

08(C).4.2 Industrial robots (5)

Programme activity 08(C).5: Statistics in engineering industries and automation

Programme elements

08(C).5.1 Development of internationally comparable statistics (1)

08(D) - STANDARDIZATION

Authority: Programme of work of Working Party on Standardization Policies, approved by Working Party at its fourth session (ECE/STAND/40, para. 18 and Annex I).

Programme activity 08(D).1: Coordination

Programme elements

08(D).1.1 Identification of problems (6)

08(D).1.2 Regular guidance for programme of work for international standardization through identification of sectors which are of interest to member Governments (7)

08(D).1.3 Preparation and implementation of recommendations (8)

Programme activity 08(D).2: Harmonization

Programme elements

08(D).2.1 Review of developments, prospects and problems at the international, regional and national levels (9)

08(D).2.2 Measures to facilitate the harmonization of principles and practices of standardization and related activities (10)

08(D).2.3 Training (4)

08(D).2.4 Measures to facilitate the implementation of standards and technical regulations (11)

08(D).2.5 Approval of definitions of terms used internationally in the fields of standardization and related activities (12)

08(D).2.6 Preparation and implementation of recommendations (14)

Programme activity 08(D).3: Conformity assessment

Programme elements

08(D).3.1 Identification of problems (1)

08(D).3.2 Promotion of international certification systems and arrangements (2)

08(D).3.3 Measures to achieve mutual confidence in the technical competence and reliability of national conformity assessment systems (3)

08(D).3.5 Aspects of metrology relevant to testing activities (5)

08(E) - STEEL

Authority: Programme of work of the Working Party on Steel, approved by the Working Party at its fourth session (ECE/STEEL/87, paras. 61-62 and Annex I).

Programme activity 08(E).1: Long-term trends and prospects in the iron and steel industry (5)

Programme element

08(E).1.1 Long-term prospects in the iron and steel industry

Programme activity 08(E).2: Current developments and medium-term prospects in the iron and steel industry, including international trade (1)

Programme element

08(E).2.1 Short-term developments and prospects in the steel industry and the steel market

Programme activity 08(E).3: Economic and technological issues in the iron and steel industry, including assistance to countries in transition (3)

Programme elements

08(E).3.1 Studies of national developments in the iron and steel industry
08(E).3.2 Restructuring and changing ownership in the steel industry
08(E).3.3 Privatization and structural changes in the steel industry in countries in transition

Programme activity 08(E).4: Metallurgy and ecology - environmental issues in the iron and steel industry (4)

Programme elements

08(E).4.1 Iron and steel scrap: its significance and influence on further developments in the iron and steel industries
08(E).4.2 The steel industry and recycling
08(E).4.3 Processing, utilization and disposal of waste materials in the steel industry
08(E).4.4 Bibliography of environmental publications in the steel sector
08(E).4.5 Harmonization of regulations

Programme activity 08(E).5: Iron and steel statistics (2)

Programme elements

08(E).5.1 Development of steel statistics
08(E).5.2 Publication of steel statistics

SUB-PROGRAMME 09 - AGRICULTURE AND TIMBER

09(A) - AGRICULTURE

Authority: Programme of work of the Committee on Agricultural Problems, approved by the Committee at its forty-fifth session (ECE/AGRI/128, paras. 31-32 and Annex I)

Programme activity 09(A).1: Economic analysis of the agri-food sector

Programme elements

09(A).1.1 Review of recent developments and prospects in agriculture and agricultural policies in the European region (5)

09(A).1.2 Review of agricultural markets and trade (6)

09(A).1.3 Activities of the FAO/ECE Working Party on the Economics of the Agri-Food Sector and Farm Management (1)

09(A).1.4 Prices of agricultural products and inputs (10)

09(A).1.5 National agricultural accounts (14)

Programme activity 09(A).2: Agriculture and the environment

Programme elements

09(A).2.1 Economic, legal, technological and regulatory measures for the promotion of environmentally sustainable agriculture and production of healthy food (2)

09(A).2.2 Integrated environmentally sound agricultural practices (4)

09(A).2.3 Effects of radionuclear contamination and measures for the elimination of their consequences for agriculture and rural areas (13)

09(A).2.4 External environmental factors (including pollution by industries and other human activities) and their impact on the quantity and quality of agricultural production: economic, regulatory and institutional aspects (9)

Programme activity 09(A).3: Standardization of perishable produce and quality development

Programme elements

09(A).3.1 Activities of the Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Produce and Quality Development (3)

Programme activity 09(A).4: Food and agricultural statistics

Programme element

09(A).4.1 Improvement, development and harmonization of food and agricultural statistics (7)

09(A).4.2 New agricultural statistics in transition countries (11)

09(A).4.3 Environment-related agricultural statistics (8)

09(A).4.4 Handbook for international collection of statistics (12)

SUB-PROGRAMME 09(B) - TIMBER

Authority: Programme of work of the Timber Committee, approved by the Committee at its fifty-second session (ECE/TIM/83, paras. 51-58 and Annexes I and II) (integrated programme for the Timber Committee and the FAO European Forestry Commission (EFC); some items for which the EFC is responsible are also shown for information, and to preserve a common numbering system).

Programme activity 09(B).1: Policies for sustainable development of the forest and forest industries sector (including analysis for policy formulation)

Programme elements

09(B).1.1 Contribution to the follow-up of UNCED and the Helsinki Ministerial Conference on Protection of Forests in Europe (1)

09(B).1.2 Outlook for the supply and demand of timber (3)

09(B).1.3 Outlook for the supply and demand of non-wood goods and services (8)
09(B).1.4 Review of rational forest policies and tropical policy issues (EFC responsibility)
09(B).1.5 Productivity in the forest sector (19)
09(B).1.6 Use of wood for energy (12)
09(B).1.7 Recycling of paper: consequences for the sector (15)
09(B).1.8 Forest sector policies in the Mediterranean region (EFC responsibility)
09(B).1.9 Promotion of public awareness and understanding, including public relations (10)
09(B).1.10 Certification of forest products (11)

Programme activity 09(B).2: Data and information for sustainable development
Programme elements
09(B).2.1 Monitoring of the temperate and boreal forest resource (Forest Resource Assessment 2000) (5)
09(B).2.2 Collection and dissemination of forest products statistics (4)
09(B).2.3 Research networks on Mediterranean forestry questions (EFC responsibility)
09(B).2.4 Forest fire statistics (20)

Programme activity 09(B).3: Promotion of sustainable forestry
Programme elements
09(B).3.1 Multiple use forestry (13)
09(B).3.2 Management of mountain watersheds (EFC responsibility)
09(B).3.3 Development of the human resource (14)

Programme activity 09(B).4: Protection of forests, prevention and control of forest damage
Programme elements
09(B).4.1 Forest fire prevention and control (18)
09(B).4.2 Effects of pollution and climate change on forests and the sector as a whole (17)
09(B).4.3 Management of forests in areas contaminated by radiation (16)

Programme activity 09(B).5: Assistance to countries in transition
Programme elements
09(B).5.1 Implementation of Resolution H3 of the Helsinki Ministerial Conference (6)
09(B).5.2 Programme of activities for countries in transition, notably workshops (7)

Programme activity 09(B).6: Forest industries and markets for forest products
Programme elements
09(B).6.1 Review of markets for forest products and short term forecasts (2)
09(B).6.2 Structural trends in markets for forest products and in the structure and capacity of forest industries (9)

SUB-PROGRAMME 10 - HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

Authority: Programme of work of the Committee on Human Settlements, approved by the Committee at its fifty-fifth session (ECE/HBP/91, paras. 42-44 and Annex I).

Programme activity 10.1: Basic issues

Programme elements

10.1.2 Human settlements situation and related current trends and policies (1)
10.1.2 Development of human settlements statistics (2)
10.1.3 ECE contribution to the Habitat II Conference (1)

Programme activity 10.2: Sustainable development of human settlements

Programme elements

10.2.1 Promotion of sustainable human settlements policies (1)
10.2.2 Major trends influencing human settlements development (2)
10.2.3 Human settlements problems in southern Europe (2)

Programme activity 10.3: Process of socio-economic transition

Programme elements

10.3.1 Modernization policies for built-up areas (1)
10.3.2 Management of land, housing and building (1)
10.3.3 Country profiles on the housing sector (1)
10.3.4 Practical transition problems (1)

ANNEX II

SUB-PROGRAMME 00 - POLICY AND COORDINATION OF THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION AS A WHOLE

Authority: Terms of reference of the Commission; relevant resolutions and other decisions of the Economic and Social Council and the Commission.

PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 00.1: ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION AS A WHOLE AND PROGRAMME OF WORK AND PRIORITIES

00.1.1 Review and guidance of the activities of the Commission as a whole: evaluation, coordination and formulation of the programme of work

Description: At its annual sessions the Commission will consider its work as a whole; review and evaluate its own activity as well as that of its subsidiary bodies; guide the policy orientation, coordination and planning of the work carried out by the subsidiary bodies under its auspices; and formulate and approve its programme of work.

Work accomplished and to be undertaken: At its annual sessions the Commission considers the reports of its subsidiary bodies on their work and the Executive Secretary's reports on the implementation of its relevant resolutions and decisions. The Commission considers and approves annually its programme of work for the following year and endorses in principle, subject to review at the following session, its long-term programme of work covering the next five years. The policy guidance given by the Commission, including measures for coordination, is embodied in its decisions to be implemented, as appropriate, by member Governments, by the Commission's subsidiary bodies and by its secretariat.

Duration: Continuing.

00.1.2 The work of the Commission as a whole and its future activities

Description: In its decision O (45) the Commission decided on the following priority areas of activity: environment, transport, statistics, trade facilitation, and economic analysis. It also decided on practical measures in these priority areas and on the broad outlines of work in sectors not identified as priorities in order to promote the process of economic reform and integrate the economies in transition into the global economy. The Commission further agreed on a series of measures on the methods of work, the structure and the resources of the Commission. The Commission recalled that in accordance with decision O (45) account should be taken of the impact that ECE activities in sectors not identified as priorities, such as energy, have on priority sectors.

Work accomplished: With regard to Commission decision O (45), the priorities as designated were incorporated in the revised Medium-term Plan for 1992-1997 and in the draft budget proposals of the biennia 1994-1995 and 1996-1997.

With respect to decision A (46), its provisions have been implemented primarily through the redeployment of human and financial resources from

programme areas not designated as priorities to the five designated priority areas.

Work to be undertaken: The Commission, taking note of the Executive Secretary's note (E/ECE/1320) on the implications of resolutions of the General Assembly and of ECOSOC for the work of the ECE, requested the Executive Secretary to bring the work of the Commission to the attention of the Secretary-General to assist him in the preparation of the reports which he is required to submit to the Assembly and invited its subsidiary bodies to consider possible work within their competence and ongoing activities which could contribute to the implementation of General Assembly resolutions and to study possible action to contribute to global programmes of the United Nations including forthcoming or recent global Conferences or international years.

[To be completed as may be necessary]

Duration: One year (1995/1996)

00.1.3 Commission activities designed to assist countries of the region in transition to a market economy and their integration with the European and global economy, including facilitating access to markets for countries in transition

Description: Taking into account the fact that the recent and current developments in central and eastern Europe modify the characteristics and functioning of the societies and economies of countries of the region, the Commission, in its decisions D (45), B (46), D (47), B (48) and B (49), considered that in view of its composition and the nature of the cooperation which it implements it had a role to play in assisting the transition to market economies.

In its decision O (45) the Commission noted that work in its five priority sectors contributed significantly to promoting reform and integration or reintegration of the economies in transition with the economies of the ECE region and therefore with the global economy. In order to promote the process of economic reform, it decided on broad outlines of work in sectors not identified as priorities, and determined that the primary work methods employed to address transition issues should be workshops and other similar informal fora.

Work accomplished: The Commission has continued to organize activities to assist the countries of the region which are in transition to a market economy. In particular the ECE programme of workshops has produced some 150 workshops. Through the Trust Fund for Assistance to Countries in Transition (TFACT) the Commission has provided financial assistance to the countries in transition for their participation in the ECE programme of workshops and in conventions, although these funds cannot be used for regular meetings of ECE subsidiary bodies. The Principal Subsidiary Bodies reviewed their programmes and methods of work to permit a rapid and effective response to the needs of the economies in transition. These activities were carried out in close collaboration with the international, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, in particular those identified in decisions D (45), O (45) and B (46).

In response to paragraph 7 of decision B (48) and as a result of measures taken by the Secretary-General to promote decentralization of the Organization's activities in the economic and social sectors, ECE launched in the course of 1994 a programme of regional advisory services designed to foster further economic development within the region.

Pursuant to decision C (49) the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the member States of the ECE, has prepared a study containing recommendations on ways and means of promoting the expansion of trade of the countries in transition (E/ECE/1311 and Adds 1 & 2).

Work to be undertaken: The ECE programme of workshops has developed further, with more than 40 on the provisional programme of future workshops in addition to the 150 or so already held.

Member Governments, the European Union and competent international institutions will continue to be invited to participate actively in transition-related activities, and encouraged to provide continued financial assistance, on a bilateral or multilateral basis, for promoting such activities. The Principal Subsidiary Bodies will continue to contribute within their competence to the preparation of practical workshops especially on the transition to a market economy. The Executive Secretary will continue to facilitate consultations with interested countries and international institutions in order to provide expertise on programmes of transition to a market economy. (See also sub-programme 05.)

The Executive Secretary has established, in consultation with Governments of all interested member countries, the Commission of the European Communities, international organizations and private bodies, a list of experts and specialists in the problems of privatization and of transition of different economic sectors to market conditions, whose services could be offered to interested countries in transition, providing advisory services in the areas mentioned in paragraph 32 of the report E/ECE/1287 and is exploring the possibility of providing information on training courses available to representatives of the business community of countries in transition.

[To be completed as may be necessary]

Duration: Continuing.

00.1.4 Activities of the Economic Commission for Europe to implement the pertinent provisions of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) and other CSCE/OSCE documents, including the Charter of Paris for a New Europe, the Helsinki Document 1992 and the Budapest Document 1994, as well as economic cooperation in the Mediterranean in the light of the Final Act of the CSCE

Description: The ECE secretariat cooperates with the CSCE/OSCE in the economic dimension, as called for in the Final Act of the CSCE, the Charter of Paris for a New Europe, documents of the Bonn Conference on Economic Cooperation, the Helsinki Document (1992) and the Budapest Document 1994, notably in the areas of the environment, statistics, international trade and industry and technology.

The ECE/OSCE relationship has been given a new impetus by the Budapest Document 1994, which not only reaffirms the earlier CSCE documents but calls for the strengthening of cooperation with ECE and other international organizations and institutions to support the transition processes, regional cooperation and environmental responsibility, in support of the OSCE's economic dimension priorities. The relevant ECE Principal Subsidiary Bodies pay particular attention to the topics selected for discussion at the annual Economic Forums (see E/ECE/1312, Part I).

The Commission and its Principal Subsidiary Bodies also give particular attention to projects and activities of interest to the Mediterranean countries of the ECE region, bearing in mind the relevant provisions of the Final Act and other Concluding Documents of the CSCE. The Commission's subsidiary bodies identify areas of interest, particularly in the field of trade, transport, environment, and industry and technology, for economic cooperation in the Mediterranean within the framework of over-all ECE activities and the Commission's programme of work. The Executive Secretary cooperates with the relevant United Nations bodies and has been actively pursuing contacts with all Mediterranean countries not members of the Commission, on subjects within the competence of the ECE of common interest to the Mediterranean countries. (See document E/ECE/1312, Part I)

Work accomplished: With respect to cooperation with the CSCE/OSCE, the secretariat has participated in all relevant meetings of the CSCE, notably, since the forty-ninth session, the second Economic Forum in March 1994 and the CSCE Review Conference in Budapest in October 1994. It has further participated in an active exchange of documentation on relevant activities of the two bodies in order to avoid duplication of functions and has been invited to play an active role in the Budapest Summit follow-up and in the Economic Forum preparation and follow-up as called for in the Budapest Document 1994 (see document E/ECE/1312).

Work to be undertaken: The subsidiary bodies will take into account in their work the provisions of the relevant and most recent CSCE documents, in particular the concluding document of the Review Conference in Budapest, which also reaffirms the earlier documents in which ECE is named as an implementing agency. They will also contribute in the appropriate manner to the CSCE Economic Forum, whose major topic for 1995 is regional economic cooperation in the fields of trade, investment and infrastructure. ECE is prepared to organize joint seminars on matters where it has competence and can provide expertise and experience and which at the same time avoid possible duplication with activities undertaken by other international organizations.

[To be completed as may be necessary]

Duration: Continuing.

00.1.5 Institutional arrangements for ECE

Description: In accordance with decision P (45), ad hoc informal meetings of the Commission are convened at least once every three months by the Chairperson of the Commission, with, inter alia, the following tasks: (a) to consult on policy matters concerning the activities of the Commission; (b) to assist preparations for the annual sessions of the Commission; (c) to monitor

progress in the work programmes of the Commission; (d) to offer any necessary guidance to the Executive Secretary on the work of the Commission.

Work accomplished and to be undertaken: Ad hoc informal meetings have been and will continue to be convened by the Chairperson of the Commission in accordance with decision P (45).

Duration: Continuing.

00.1.6 The provision of adequate resources for the servicing of the priority and other sectors of the Economic Commission for Europe

Description: In its decision E (48) the Commission, conscious that the effective and efficient management of the ECE, like that of other UN organizations, depends upon the reliable provision of resources, both financial and human, including skilled professionals, and aware that its increased membership had expanded the ECE's activities and imposed extra demands on its tightly-stretched resources, noted with concern that unfilled vacancies at the professional level in the priority sectors and other sectors are seriously impeding both technical and practical work of importance to the member States, as well as the ability of the secretariat to respond to the growing needs of countries in transition.

Work accomplished: The Executive Secretary has regularly provided information on the deployment of resources both under the regular budget and from extra-budgetary contributions to Permanent Missions in Geneva and to the Principal Subsidiary Bodies. He has also cooperated closely with United Nations Headquarters in the filling of key vacancies in the secretariat and in the allocation of financial resources to mandated programmes.

The Executive Secretary has urged the UN Secretary-General, in the budget submission for 1996-1997, to consider positively the possibility of future strengthening of the Commission by recommending to the General Assembly the approval of adequate human and financial resources, taking into account the areas of competence of the ECE and the needs of new member countries.

[To be completed as may be necessary]

Duration: One year (1995/1996).

00.1.7 Regional conference on transport and environment

Description: Following a feasibility study prepared by the Executive Secretary, the Commission decided in its decisions F (49) and G (49) that a Regional Conference on Transport and Environment should take place in 1996 under the auspices of the ECE.

Work accomplished: A Preparatory Committee has been set up at expert level, including technical and scientific expertise. An interim report is under preparation on the results achieved, especially with regard to the envisaged topics for discussion of the Conference, its possible output and its organization and financing.

Work to be undertaken:

[To be completed as may be necessary]

Duration: Two years (1994-1996)

00.1.8 Commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations

Description: The Economic Commission for Europe, along with other programmes of the United Nations, has been invited by the Preparatory Committee for the Commemoration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations to contribute to the preparations for and the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary, highlighting its role in Europe in its 48 years of existence.

Work accomplished and to be undertaken: In response to decision E (49) the secretariat, in close cooperation with the United Nations Office at Geneva, will prepare an exhibition highlighting the practical impact of ECE work on the daily life of the population in Europe to be integrated into a larger presentation organized by the United Nations Office at Geneva. The secretariat will also cooperate with the national focal points of ECE member States in this presentation.

The secretariat will initiate preparations for the fiftieth anniversary of the ECE in 1997, including a publication intended to reflect its main contributions to the well-being of the peoples and governments of the region. Such a publication could be prepared by a team of young people serving as interns in the ECE and retired staff of the ECE who would jointly represent two different readings of the history and the future of the ECE. Senior government officials will also be invited to contribute statements and articles to the publication. On the occasion of the Commission's annual session in 1997 the round table will be devoted to a discussion of the anniversary of the ECE from both a retrospective and prospective point of view. The secretariat has already requested the UN Postal Administration to begin preparations for a UN stamp in 1997 to commemorate the Commission's fiftieth anniversary.

[To be completed as may be necessary]

Duration: Three years (1994-1997)

PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 00.2: RESOLUTIONS BEARING ON THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

00.2.1 Review and follow-up of resolutions adopted by the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly bearing on the work of the Commission

Description: At its annual sessions, the Commission will review the resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly which have a bearing on its work and will decide on the action to be taken by it in the light of the provisions of those resolutions and decisions.

Work accomplished and to be undertaken: The Commission undertakes this review on the basis of the Executive Secretary's note (see document E/ECE/1320) in which he brings to the Commission's attention the resolutions and decisions bearing on the work of the Commission which were adopted by the Economic and Social Council and by the General Assembly during the period since the previous session of the Commission, and the relevant work underway.

Duration: Continuing.

00.2.2 The ECE's contribution to the preparatory work for the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing 1995

Description: In accordance with decision J (40) the Executive Secretary is called upon to assess developments with respect to the economic role of women in the ECE region in conjunction with other research activities of the secretariat, taking into account the roles and responsibilities of the regional commissions in developing and implementing the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development and the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women. In accordance with decision H (44) the secretariat was called upon to concentrate on an inventory of the scope and content of time-use questionnaires and of time-use studies, and to make this data available to member countries. By its resolution 1990/12 the Economic and Social Council called for a World Conference on Women in 1995. As a follow-up to decisions J (40) and H (44) and Council resolution 1990/12, the Commission adopted decision K (48) in order to provide a regional contribution to the preparatory work for the World Conference.

Work accomplished: The ECE High-level Regional Preparatory Meeting (HLM) for the World Conference, held in Vienna in October 1994, adopted a Regional Platform for Action. Two workshops, on "Capacity building for the advancement of women" and "UNIDO study on the role of women in manufacturing processes", were held during the preparatory process, as well as a number of meetings with the ECE/NGO Working Group. Close cooperation and two consultative meetings were held with all international organizations and institutions active in the region, including the Council of Europe, OECD, European Union, etc.

The Conference of European Statisticians has convened meetings on improved measurements of women's labour-force participation and statistical indicators required by the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies in countries of the ECE region and will convene the next one in March 1995 in cooperation with INSTRAW. Such statistical input on women's issues will provide a substantive input for the 1995 World Conference on Women.

Work to be undertaken: An information booklet, mandated by the Department of Public Information, for distribution during the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995, and the proceedings of the Regional Preparatory Meeting, will be published. The results of the latter will be presented to the Commission on the Status of Women in March 1995 and to the Beijing Conference.

Continuous interaction will take place with ECE member States, international organizations and NGOs on the follow-up to the HLM, including a consultative meeting among the Bureau of the HLM, the UN system, Council of Europe and other international organizations and institutions active in the region on the

envisaged Plan of Action in conformity with the requirements of the Regional Platform for Action.

[To be completed as may be necessary]

Duration: Continuing.

00.2.3 Promotion of sustainable development at the regional level

Description: The Commission, in accordance with decisions F (48) and F (49), will continue to pay particular attention to the implementation of sustainable development at the regional level pursuant to relevant provisions of Agenda 21 and General Assembly resolutions.

Work accomplished: The ECE Action Plan on the regional implementation of Agenda 21 (see E/ECE/1303) was transmitted to the UN Commission on Sustainable Development in May 1994 with the general approval of the Senior Advisers on Environmental and Water Problems.

A regional conference on transport and environment will be held in 1996 (see 00.1.7).

Work to be undertaken: Following this Action Plan, the Principal Subsidiary Bodies are integrating environmental considerations into their sectoral activities and are thus promoting sustainable development across the spectrum of ECE's activities.

The Executive Secretary will continue to bring to the attention of the Executive Secretaries of the other regional commissions the ECE activities aimed at contributing to sustainable development and strengthening of international cooperation in this field, and in particular the results and follow-up of the Bergen Conference.

[To be completed as may be necessary]

Duration: Five years (1988-1995).

00.2.4 International cooperation to address and mitigate the consequences of the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant

Description: As a follow-up to decision C (46), Assembly resolution 47/165, Council resolution 1992/38 and decision J (48), paragraph 7 of decision A (49) called upon the Principal Subsidiary Bodies, in cooperation with the Department of Humanitarian Affairs (DHA), WHO and IAEA, taking into account their respective spheres of competence, to continue to contribute to the work of the Commission to mitigate the consequences of the Chernobyl accident.

Work accomplished: A number of ECE subsidiary bodies have continued to review proposals for activities to address and mitigate the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster. The secretariat has continued its participation, in cooperation with DHA, in its coordination of international cooperation in this regard. The secretariat has also consulted UNIDO on possible forms of cooperation in the field of water.

Work to be undertaken: The DHA, as coordinator for international cooperation, has invited ECE to participate in preparatory work for the tenth anniversary of the accident.

[To be completed as may be necessary]

Duration: Continuing

PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 00.3: COOPERATION WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

00.3.1 Review of the Commission's cooperation with other United Nations bodies

Description: At its annual sessions the Commission will review its activities in support of and its contribution to other United Nations programmes, especially those of UNCTAD, UNDP, UNEP and UNFPA, as well as of the other regional commissions. It will also consider matters relating to its cooperation with other United Nations bodies including the specialized agencies such as FAO, ILO, UNESCO, UNIDO and WHO, as well as IAEA. Special attention will be paid to problems of the member countries of the ECE which are developing from the economic point of view as part of the Commission's contribution to the global programmes and objectives of the United Nations aiming at economic development.

Work accomplished and to be undertaken: The Commission carries out this review annually on the basis of the Executive Secretary's report on the participation of such organizations and programmes in the Commission's work; on the Commission's own contribution to the programmes of these organizations; and on the secretariat's cooperation with the secretariats of these organizations, including the secretariats of the other regional commissions.

Duration: Continuing.

00.3.2 Review of the Commission's cooperation and coordination of activities with other international organizations and institutions

Description: At its annual sessions the Commission will review its activities related to cooperation and coordination of its activities with other international economic organizations and institutions, and with international non-governmental organizations participating in the work of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies, with particular regard to those organizations and institutions mentioned in decision O (45).

Work accomplished and to be undertaken: The Commission undertakes this review annually on the basis of the Executive Secretary's report on the relevant activities arising out of the participation of such organizations and their secretariats in, and the contribution they make to, the work of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies (see document E/ECE/1319).

Duration: Continuing.

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